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Living by Faith, Not only Law

“There is no need for Christians to obey the Law (Ten Commandments) anymore because we cannot gain our righteousness through it, but only through faith in Christ.” The Ten Commandments are a rubric of what God wants us to do and act upon in our lives. They appear in the Scripture in Exodus 20:3-17 NKJV such as commandments like, “You shall not steal” and “You shall have no other gods before Me”. God commands Moses to climb up Mount Sinai and in his time on the mountain, He gives Moses the Ten Commandments. Moses goes down the mountain and declares to the people of Israel the Ten Commandments.

Answering the question of whether Christians should obey the Ten Commandments even though righteousness is not gained through it is quite simple for me. The Ten Commandments are a sort of foundation of where our choices can go towards. While they may not give us righteousness, they still guide us towards being better Christians. Among other things, such commandments like “You shall have no other gods before Me” is the main factor for a Christian life and having God as your Savior. What idols or objects are you putting before God in your relationship with God?

The New Testament has more to say about the Ten Commandments as well such as how in John 14:15 NKJV, it states that, “If you love Me, keep My commandments.” Along with that, it says that if we keep the commandments that show we love Jesus, God will love us. More so, the New Testament shows that for keeping the grace of God in one's mind, they must show a

respect of keeping these rules put in place for the Israelites, which do not detract us from obeying them. Obeying the Ten Commandments shows a sign of love towards God that the New Testament does not want us to forget. It is clear that the New Testament has a view on the Ten Commandments and wants them to be kept in our hearts regardless of perspective or view in Christian life.

What I see as the Old Testament's concept of salvation is what I see in the New Testament's concept of salvation. They both rely on the faith of the people in God to work. Only with the power of God's grace, mercy, and your faith in Him, we are saved. Salvation saves us from the wrath of God that we are all meant to have, and brings us into the light of God. This same salvation gives us a new heart that gives us a new life and meaning. I see the same concept of salvation in both Testaments and that shows how truthful both of the Testaments want us to keep it.

There have been cases in the Old Testament where the law was seen as the key to salvation instead of having faith in God. In chapters like Exodus 20, it can be seen that the people of Israel simply try to simply obey the rules of the Ten Commandments and try to go by life in God like such. This is clearly not the way to live a life of salvation and blessings. Trying for the bare minimum in God's eyes is showing lack of love and grace to God when we should be happy and grateful for what He has done. The Ten Commandments are what we should always try and keep while trying to grow in other areas of our lives.